

REMARKS

The Patent Office has indicated that claims 1-54 are allowed, while claims 55-57 have been rejected for the reasons asserted in the Office Action. While Applicants do not concede the merits of any of the rejections as set forth in the Office Action, Applicants have elected to cancel claims 55-57, solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims similar or identical to the rejected claims as pending prior to cancellation herein in one or more applications claiming priority to the instant application.

CONCLUSION

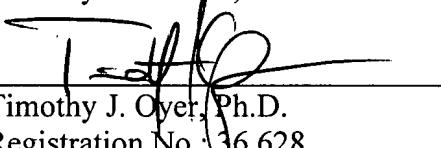
In view of the foregoing, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this response, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, any necessary extension of time is hereby requested. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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